



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Questions on Residence One Year Ago (P-14a-c)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) uses these data to allocate funds to states for assistance to counties because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations.
- The HHS Administration on Aging and state and local agencies use these data to develop health care and other services for the elderly, especially since changes in the location of seniors may affect the need for future services.
- The HHS also uses these data to support research on service delivery for children, minorities, and the elderly, particularly those who are chronically and severely mentally ill.
- Business and industry use these data to decide where to locate new stores and plant/office sites.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO

- Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended
- Immigration Nationality Act
- Public Health Service Act

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

14 a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?

☐ Person is under 1 year old → SKIP to the questions for Person 2 on page 10.

☐ Yes, this house → SKIP to **F**

☐ No, outside the United States – Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc., below; then SKIP to **F**

☐ No, different house in the United States

b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?

Name of city, town, or post office

c. Did this person live inside the limits of the city or town?

☐ Yes

☐ No, outside the city/town limits

Name of county

Name of state

ZIP Code

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HISTORY OF THE RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO QUESTION

- The question on residence one year ago was first asked on the American Community Survey in 1999.
- The residence one year ago was not asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire, however, residence five years ago was asked.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The question on residence one year ago asks the name of the city, town, or post office to determine if the individual moved within the same city/town or is a new resident of that area. The time period of one year allows for annual estimates of migration. People who lived outside the United States are asked for the name of the country. The question asking if an individual lives inside the city limits is needed to identify people who do not live inside a city or town, but whose mailing address contains that city's or town's name. It is important to know the names of the county, state, and country to help prevent confusion because a name may be common to more than one geographic area.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

<<http://factfinder.census.gov>>

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